

GREATEST CELEBRATION IN HISTORY OF NORWICH

Town Thronged with 50,000 People for the 250th Anniversary—Every Feature Materializes Into a Grand Success—President Taft Proves the Big Attraction and Has a Busy Day—Grand Fireworks Display in the Evening.

The greatest celebration Norwich ever had is under way, and for surely fifty years it cannot fail to be the model for all others. It has been carried out according to program, and with every feature materializing, and so successful have been all of them that there is nothing but unlimited praise for those who successfully launched it. It is the culmination of much hard and persistent effort, many times in the face of apparently insurmountable difficulties. They were overcome, and it was evident that all that was needed was the right kind of weather. This was given the town, for which everyone was duly thankful, and there was no more of the hot weather which had been feared. The day was bright and fair, with a clear sky and a cool breeze blowing, so that everything was comfortable and the parade did not have a particularly uncomfortable time.

Early in the morning, at 4.31, the sun was heralded by the ringing of the bells about the city, the City Hall bell outpacing them all. There were many cannon salutes throughout the morning, which were augmented by the presidential salute, but the absence of fireworks and the usual Fourth of July noises was noticeable, and many forgot, that the day was the day to celebrate Independence Day. The bells were again rung at sunset for ten minutes.

People began to flock in early, the cars, railroads and boats bringing all they could carry, and traffic was naturally delayed somewhat. The arrival of visiting organizations made the morning a time of action for those not at the historical pageant. The scheduled events for the morning attracted many, but the streets were but little relieved, and after noon it was impossible to find the sidewalks and to make progress it was necessary to take the road. Buildings, windows and every available place had been secured by the crowds, and vantage points were

selected early for the big parade, so there were many waiting about the city for some time for their view of the parade. It was a good natured crowd, however, and everyone had a good time. It is estimated that there were here during the day 50,000 people. Chief Murphy had the necessary men to look out for the big parade and they did it in a fine manner under his fine generalship.

Norwich, Eng., Sends Greetings.

The following greetings, in cable-grams, were received from the mayor of Norwich, Eng., on Monday by Gilbert S. Raymond, secretary of the anniversary celebration committee:

Norwich, Eng., July 5, 1908.

City of Norwich sends hearty congratulations to American daughter on her attaining 250 years.

(Signed) WALTER F. E. Mayor.

President Chief Figure.

President Taft was the chief figure in the celebration of the 250th anniversary of this history-laden old New England town. In an address to the people, following a splendid military parade and civic display, the president, finding a theme in the church influence, took occasion to express his views upon the liberty of religious belief. He pleaded that every man should be allowed to worship God in his own way. The president declared amid laughter, that the American forefathers came to this country ostensibly to escape religious intolerance, but as a matter of fact came in order that they might follow out their own religious ideas in their own way and with a large degree of intolerance toward any other form of belief.

"We have passed beyond that now," said the president, "and are coming more and more to realize the right of the individual to worship God as he may choose."

The president's address befitted the occasion, was largely historical in character. The day was replete with historic incidents. An open air pageant during the morning hours depicted scenes leading down from the wars between the Mohegan and Narragansett tribes of Indians, through the purchase of the site of Norwich Town from Uncas to the revolutionary days, the welcome of Washington, the return of the soldiers from the civil war, the dawn of peace, the present day, and the hope of the future. The pageant, held on a grassy plot surrounded by giant trees, was a potent underlining. Several hundred persons took part in the tableaux, the Indian dances, the battle between the tribes, the capture of Miantonomoh by Uncas, the death of the former, and the portrayal of the march of historic events. The fight of the Indians was carried out with great fidelity of detail, and even while the president looked on, the mock Uncas supposedly cut from the shoulder of his dead enemy a piece of flesh and ate it with every evidence of fiendish delight. It is historically related of Uncas that he afterwards said that this was the sweetest meat he had ever tasted and that it made his heart strong.

Driven to Uncas' Grave.

After witnessing the pageant, the president was driven to the grave of Uncas in Sachem street, where a monument stands to his memory. The president also was shown many other points of interest. It seemed that nearly every building in the city was of sufficient historic significance to be a descriptive placard.

The president left Monday night for

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Albany, where he will be joined today by other distinguished guests en route to the tercentenary celebration at Lake Champlain. The president dined with Mr. Williams and planted a tree on the grounds of the city of Albany for a time at the head of the parade, being escorted by the entire battalion of midshipmen from the United States Naval academy at Annapolis. The cadets are on their summer cruise and left their ships at New London. Their natty appearance in blue uniforms with white caps and white leggings won the midshipmen a tribute of cheers all along the long line of march.

Parade Had Many Features.

There were many interesting features to the afternoon parade, some of the historical and industrial floats being most elaborately devised. Eighteen surviving Mohegan Indians attracted an unusual degree of attention. They carried a banner on which was written "The Last of the Mohegans." One of the local cotton mills sent out a float depicting "Plantation Days." Several dummies were shown in a miniature cotton field and as the float halted in front of the reviewing stand the dusky plantation "hands" struck up a melody which had for the chief

theme direct to New York. The president will continue on through to Ticonderoga, where he is due to arrive today and participate in the Champlain celebration.

ANOTHER FULL DAY FOR THE CELEBRATORS.

Dedication of D. A. R. Fountain and Literary Exercises—Fire Department Will Parade and Water Carnival and Band Concert Will Fill the Day.

There will be another big day to close the celebration and the program shows the day well filled with attractions, besides two nights of the airship which are looked for if the day proves the right kind.

The fire department demonstration between 8 and 9 o'clock will be a parade of the paid companies. They will form in Broadway and go from there to Main through Main to East Side bridge and counter-march back to their quarters. It was decided to give this instead of a demonstration by which the water owing to the many decorations which are up. This will show the five paid companies of the department, the aerial truck, engine No. 2, with ladder, and having two fire engines which are up. This will show the five paid companies of the department, the aerial truck, engine No. 2, with ladder, and having two fire engines which are up.

At 10 o'clock will take place the auto parade, forming in Broadway and going over the same line as on Monday until Washington square is reached, when they will go to the West Side and return. This will be an attraction of much beauty.

At 10.30 the dedication of the D. A. R. fountain on the Little Plains will take place, the program for which is an interesting one, and at 2 o'clock at Broadway theater the literary exercises will be held, at which there will

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WILLIAM W. WILLIAMS Chairman Anniversary Committee.

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Settlers of Norwich.

In the third scene Captain Mason and Rev. Mr. Fitch with their counsel and friend, another of the founders, visit Uncas and his band. They parley for the purchase of the nine miles square from him and pay in beads and small mirrors. Uncas in turn presents them with a piece of turf representing the land purchased and having twigs for boundaries. Then all four sign the treaty and they and the boys together smoke the pipe of peace. The founders then return with many farewell to Uncas and his band. Charles S. Eaton's characterization of Uncas was a fine piece of work throughout and captured the dignity and nobility to the whites of this great chieftain. Allyn L. Brown as Miantonomoh was a close second and was especially good in the attitude of the captured chief. Noah Lucas took the part of Wawquequa, brother of Uncas, well, and Esther Oddy made an excellent Indian bride. The other boys and maidens entered capably into the spirit of the occasion and contributed to its success. Much of the music for these scenes was original and composed for this occasion by Burton E. Leavitt—in fact all but the wedding and war dances from the Froes of Windham and the Charter Oak War Song were Mr. Leavitt's composition and a valuable contribution to the pageant.

Second Part.

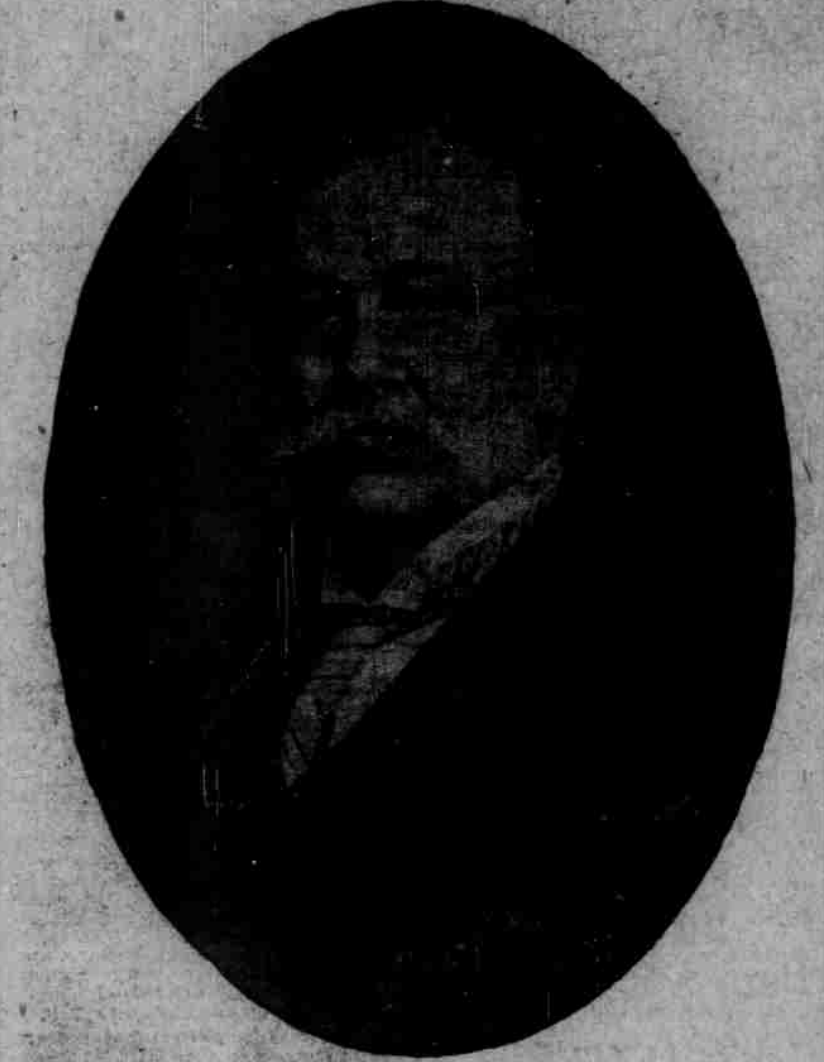
The second part of the program gave symbolic representations of Norwich days—in 1776, in 1861, in the present and in the future. In 1776 the scene showed General Washington escorted by the Putnam Phalanx welcomed to Norwich by a company of her citizens. There were nineteen of these men and women, handsome sons and daughters of Norwich, in Continental costume, who greeted the general and danced with him the minutemen's pretty part of the program. The drill given at this time by his army—the Putnam Phalanx—was exceedingly fine and won much applause. Ebenezer Allen was very good as General Washington. Sumner S. Armstrong as Captain John Manton, Howard S. Mead as Rev. James Fitch and N. W. Leavitt as the other first settlers did their parts in fine style.

Boys of '61.

Scene five brought in the Boys of '61, represented by members of the G. A. R., who were received with deep respect by President Taft and gave a drill with cannon and infantry. In memory of those who did not return the Indian chorus sang Mr. Leavitt's new song, "The Old Church Bell," the Park church chiming being tolled as a refrain with the chorus, and the Angel of Peace in the person of Miss Elsie Peck appearing as a beautiful benediction. Norwich in present military attire was escorted by a battalion drill in which the local companies—Three and Five—under Captain Hagberg, made an excellent showing.

Future of Norwich.

The future of Norwich was portrayed by a pretty procession and march around the flagpole in four divisions of several hundred school children with flags. Anson G. Chester's ode to Norwich set to Mr. Leavitt's music was sung by them under the direction of Prof. J. H. George, with Tubbs' band and Park church chiming rung by Mr. Eaton as accompaniment. In the final scene the Goddess of Liberty, Miss Ruth Henderson, raised the United States flag to the top of the flagpole in the center of the field while all joined in singing America. The music by Tubbs' band throughout the pageant was well rendered and Mr. Parker's work on the tympani was particularly pleasing in the Indian music. George A. Keppler as master of the pageant deserves much praise for the clever and original plan of so well arranged a program as well as for the delightful way in which it was carried out. Unlike so many things of this kind, the beginning was made very nearly on time, there were no tireome waits between the scenes, everything moved briskly and in succession. There



MAYOR COSTELLO LIPPIIT, Chairman Ways and Means Committee.

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be three addresses, with a welcome by Mayor Lippitt.

At 3 o'clock the musical committee has arranged for a band concert on Chelsea parade in the reviewing stand for the benefit of those who are unable to attend the literary exercises.

At 4 o'clock the Northampton and Bridgeport baseball teams will play at Stadium Park.

In the evening near the harbor Tubbs' band will give a concert at 7.30

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ham Memorial President Taft was taken to Rocklyffe, where the following lunch was served:

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Lobster Newburg.

Claret Punch.

Coffee.

Apollinaris Water.

Confectionery, Salted Almonds, Etc.

The 100-quart bottle of apollinaris water was given as a gift to the president by Frederick Whitney of Boston.

The decorative salmon was a gift to Mr. Williams for the president.

PRESIDENT LEFT IN EVENING FOR NEW YORK.

Departure Was Quiet and Unknown—Goes to Champlain Celebration Today.

President Taft took a very quiet departure from Norwich last night which was in marked contrast to the prominence that was given his every movement during the day. Immediately after the reception to the public in the Buckingham Memorial he was taken in an automobile back to the residence of Winslow Tracy Williams, where he spent the evening informally with a few friends. His plans as to departure were kept secret and the town public was not on hand to give the first citizen of the land an enthusiastic send-off of the railway station.

The president was taken in an automobile through the crowded streets absolutely unrecognized, for had but one caught glimpse of him it would have resulted in mad rush for the railway station to do honor to the president. He boarded his special car, the Mayflower, on the siding just south of the station at 8.15, the curtains having been previously drawn, and he probably immediately retired for the night, as nothing was seen of him after he entered the car.

At just 10.50 the train, consisting of a coach with the newspaper men accompanying the president and the sleeping car Mayflower, left the station in charge of Conductor Wagan and Engineer Dew for New London, and from

and at 8 o'clock there will be the water carnival and illuminated display.

HISTORICAL PAGEANT A GRAND SUCCESS.

Thousands Gathered in Area Back of Norwich Club and Enjoyed the Reproductions.

By 10 o'clock thousands had gathered for the historical pageant which was presented in the area back of the Norwich club. This was an ideal place and day for such a pageant. The vast green amphitheater with its wall of trees surrounding and the cloudless sky overhead was all that could have been wished for. The reproductions were of special merit, cleverly devised and finely executed, so that for an hour and a half the vast crowd remained in perfect enjoyment of the scene, the play and the president.

Shortly after 10 o'clock the band gave evidence of his approach and his automobile appeared, accompanied by the Putnam Phalanx and with two other processions of nearly 100 men to the enclosure at the further end of the field reserved for the president and his suite.

The Indian braves and maidens immediately took possession of the field from the opposing Narragansett, and in the first part of the pageant. Two tepees were erected for the grouping of the maidens and between them the Mohegan camp at peace, the whole chorus singing their hymn to the Great Spirit. Then followed the betrothal of one of the maidens who was presented with a chain of wampum by Wawquequa, the brother of Uncas, Uncas himself approving the betrothal. The Indian wedding dance which followed was received with enthusiasm for the exquisite grace and skill of the evolution. In the second scene a brave from the opposing Narragansett stealthily approached and hurled a bundle of arrows into the camp of the Mohegans as a declaration of war. Uncas explained in pantomime his strategy, that when he drops to the ground his warriors are to shoot at